CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re: hardships to the untrained graduate teachers due to the issue of circular letter by the D.P.I.

SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Primary and Secondary Education to the hardships caused to untrained graduate teachers due to issue of circular letter dated 2nd February 1974 by Director of Public Instruction.

SMT. E.E. VAZ.—Madam Speaker, I beg to make the following statement.

Appointment of teachers in Aided High Schools is governed by rules under the Grant-in-aid code for Secondary Schools. Appointments of teachers in Aided Schools have to be approved by the Department of Public Instruction. The minimum qualification prescribed for teachers in High Schools is a degree of a recognised for University in Arts, Science and Commerce. A Degree in Education (B. T. or B Ed. or an equivalent recognished qualification) is a desirable qualification. When trained teachers are available, they should be preferred to untrained teachers. If untrained teachers are appointed they have to be deputed for training at extra cost to Government. The Department has noticed that even though trained teachers apply for appointments and are actually interviewed by the Managements, the Managements of Aided Schools have, in may cases, appointed untrained teachers. All though the Managements have been advised several times to appoint only trained teachers, the Managements continue the practice of appointing untrained teachers. With this background and with a view to discouraging the Managements from appointing untrained teachers, the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular on 2nd February 1974 laying down certain conditions regarding retrenchment of untrained teachers but has now issued a modified circular on 23rd April 1974 laying down certain guidelines for being followed by the Managements of the Aided Private Institutions. The untrained graduate teachers appointed by the Managements against permanent vacancies during 1973-74 and prior to 1973-74 will be continued. The Managements have been directed to see that such untrained teachers should get trained within 5 year from the date of their appointment. From the academic year 1974-75, the Managements will have to appoint only trained graduates and where suitable trained graduates are not available, untrained graduates may be appointed and such appointments will be approved till the end of academic year in which they are made. The Circulars from the Director of Public Instruction have been issued in the interest of efficient tuition and also in accordance with the provisions under the Grant-in-aid ode for Secondary Schools.